

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
SUBJECT: ART EXHIBITION: DE KOONING

REF: STATE 191553

1. POST WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY OF ATTEMPTING TO PROGRAM DE KOONING EXHIBIT. STAGING EXHIBITION HERE INVOLVES MAKING INITIAL ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH GDR MFA WHICH, AS DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY AWARE, HAS NOT ALWAYS RESPONDED EXPEDITIOUSLY TO PAST EMBASSY CULTURAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS. WILLING, HOWEVER, MAKE INQUIRY, EMPHASIZING THAT THIS EXHIBITION WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR, MUCH-DELAYED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT WHICH IS PART OF GDR-APPROVED EMBASSY CULTURAL PLAN. BEST TIMING FOR EXHIBIT WOULD PROBABLY BE MAY OR JUNE OF 1978, ALTHOUGH PRECISE ARRANGEMENTS OF COURSE UP TO GDR HOSTS. SIMILARLY, EMBASSY UNABLE TO ADDRESS QUESTIONS PARA (4) REFTEL PENDING RECEIPT OF GO-AHEAD FROM MFA.

2. IF POST UNABLE TO PROGRAM IN LOCAL MUSEUM, PERHAPS POSSIBLE TO USE EXHIBIT IN CHANCERY AUDITORIUM. AUDITORIUM IS WELL-APPOINTED, APPROXIMATELY 1000 FEET SQUARE, AIR CONDITIONED, WINDOWLESS, AND DOORS ARE IN FULL VIEW OF MSG OUTSIDE MAIN ENTRANCE TO CHANCERY. PAINTINGS COULD BE MOUNTED ON WALLS OR ON FREE-STANDING PANELS. SUPPLEMENTARY LIGHTING WOULD BE NECESSARY, AND ASSISTANCE OF EXHIBIT UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERT PROVIDED BY AGENCY OR PERHAPS RPO VIENNA WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION. IF SUCH INSTALLATION POSSIBLE, WOULD CONTEMPLATE HIGH-LEVEL INVITATIONAL OPENING AND 2-3 WEEK DISPLAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC.

3. POST PREPARED APPROACH MFA AS OUTLINED PARA (1) IF AGENCY AGREES AND REQUESTS ALSO ADVICE ON

FEASIBILITY OF PROGRAMMING AS OUTLINED PARA (2). POLANSKY

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